

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of subject matter (process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or an improvement thereof) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought by way of the application entitled "APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL INSPECTION OF WAFERS DURING POLISHING"

which (check) is attached hereto.

and is amended by the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
113829 (Number)	Israel (Country)	23 May, 1995 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as any subject matter of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Priority Claimed

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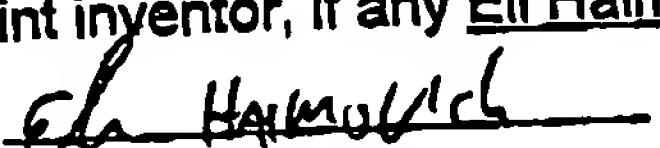
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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we

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hereby sell, assign and transfer to Nova Measuring Instruments, Ltd., an Israeli corporation, having a place of business at Weizmann Scientific Park, P.O.Box 266, Rehovot 76100, Israel, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in our invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL INSPECTION OF WAFERS DURING POLISHING

the specification of which was filed on June 29, 1995 and assigned Serial No. 08/497,382, and all patent applications and patents of every country for said invention, including divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said applications; we authorize the above-named assignee to apply for patents of foreign countries for said invention, and to claim all rights of priority without further authorization from us; we agree to execute all papers useful in connection with said United States and foreign applications, and generally to do everything possible to aid said assignee, their successors, assigns and nominees, at their request and expense, in obtaining and enforcing patents for said invention in all countries; and we request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents granted for said invention to the above-named assignee, its successors and assigns.

Executed this 9 day of February, 1998.

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